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# Camp O-wa-sip-pe



1919

Chicago Council  
Boy Scouts of America

# A Call to the Wild

The Chicago Boy Scouts' great  
privilege is CAMP O-WA-  
SIP-PE at Whitehall, Michigan

*Eighth Season*

July 7th to August 30th



Did you ever watch the camp-fire  
When the wood has fallen low,  
And the ashes start to whiten  
'Round the embers' crimson glow,  
With the night sounds all around you  
Making silence doubly sweet,  
And a full moon high above you  
That the spell may be complete?  
Tell me were you ever nearer  
To the land of heart's desire  
Than when you sat there, thinking,  
With your feet before the fire?

## *Camp O-wa-sip-pe—1919*

IT is time to think of Camp again. O-wa-sip-pe is already being put into shape to receive the 1919 campers. Mr. Sampson, last year's director, has been re-engaged and will make this year's Camp the best we have ever had. He learned all about the Camp while on the job last year, how it is located, equipped, what the Scouts like about it, and how it can fill the Scout's idea of a good time and teach him real Scouting while he is enjoying himself.

Mr. Sampson knows the job and we have told him to go ahead and make this Camp the best ever, and he will do it.

We will have four camping periods of two weeks each, beginning July 7th, July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th. The last period will end August 30th.

The Camp fee will be the same as last year, \$12.50 for the two weeks' period. This includes boat fare. For the boy who can only attend one week, we make a rate of \$6.75.

The Camp is open to all registered Scouts of Chicago and vicinity, who have the written consent of their parents and permission of their Scoutmaster. These are the only restrictions and the boy may go any period that he chooses, because no period is set aside for any special district.

We also urge that the boy who cannot attend for the two weeks' period make a special effort to be present for one week, because even in that short time he will get a new insight into Scouting.

The selection of adult leadership has been given careful consideration and each leader has been selected for his ability to manage the particular part of the program that he is to carry out, keeping in mind, of course, that he must be a man of unquestionable moral standing and having natural love for boys.

Paul B. Sampson, Director of Camp O-wa-sip-pe, has the training and experience which fits him splendidly for his difficult and responsible job. Briefly, his record is as follows:

- 1894-1899. Iowa State Teachers' College.
- 1899-1902. Iowa Public Schools (Principal).
- 1902-1904. International Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass. (B.P.E. degree).
- 1904-1911. Director of Physical Education, Kansas State Normal School.
- 1911-1912. Graduate Student International Y. M. C. A. College (M.P.E. degree).
- 1912-1915. Director Physical Education, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.
- 1915-1919. Associate Professor Physical Education, Michigan State Normal College (Instructor in Athletics, Gymnastics, Hygiene, Scouting).
- 1915-1919. Scoutmaster Troop 1, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- 1918. Director Camp O-wa-sip-pe.

### *Location of the Camp*

Camp O-wa-sip-pe is four miles inland from Whitehall, Michigan, which is on White Lake, an inlet from Lake Michigan. The Chicago Council owns one hundred acres on Crystal Lake, comprising one of the most beautifully located and ideal spots for camping in the country. All that fascinates in outdoor life, all that benefits and trains in Scoucraft, all that delights the eye, all that safeguards health combine to tempt the lover of nature to this spot, made mystic by the legends of the old Indian O-wa-sip-pe, Chief of the Ottawas, hero of the forest, who sleeps nearby beneath his beloved pines.

### *The 1919 Season*

The 1919 Season at Camp O-wa-sip-pe, which begins July 7th, promises to be the most interesting and best attended of them all. The ever increasing calls upon the Boy Scouts for public service make it necessary that every Scout equip himself to render that service efficiently. Two weeks at Camp O-wa-sip-pe will give the Scout the best possible training for this work, and he will return to his home

with a new spirit of patriotism and service, and full of determination—a better Scout, better prepared for the work this fall.

### *The Trip*

The campers leave Chicago at eight-thirty o'clock on Monday mornings on the Goodrich Line Boat for Whitehall. In the afternoon, after a lively day's program which keeps every Scout busy the entire time, the boat pushes its bow into White Lake and docks at Whitehall. The Scouts are met by a Camp Official, who takes charge of the baggage, and the boys hike through the woods for Camp. As they hit the trail through the forest, like Chief O-wa-sip-pe of old, they feel its charm and lure, and the Camp Spirit is already upon them. Returning, the Scouts leave Whitehall at eight o'clock Saturday mornings.

There will be a Camp Physician in entire charge of all sanitation and the various safeguards to the health of the boys which are rigidly enforced under the National rules governing all Scout Camps, and he will give instruction in advanced First Aid and Life-Saving Methods.

### *"Eats"*

The Scouts are also assured of all that they can desire in the way of "eats." A competent staff of cooks has been secured of sufficient number to supply the wants of all the ingrowing appetites that are developed in such a Camp and a big store of the essentials has been provided.

### *Efficient Quartermaster in Charge*

The Camp Quartermaster will have charge of all equipment, and will see to the transportation of the Scouts' baggage to and from the boat. He will also have charge of the rowboats, which are free to the Scouts.

A Camp Store will be operated by a Camp Staff Officer, where the Scout's appetite for things not on the regular program can be

satisfied, providing it does not exceed the judgment of the Camp Staff.

In all of these positions, the men are the most competent and experienced possible to secure, and their presence alone insures the success of the 1919 Camp.

### *Camp Activities*

The Camp activities are divided into many lines. All of the various Scout requirements are given attention in schools of instruction, and Merit Badge Work will have a prominent place. The Court of Honor will sit during each period of Camp so that all Scouts desiring to take examinations for advancement will have the opportunity. The chances of studying signaling under such surroundings are unequaled. Special instruction in Handicraft is helped by a Carpenter Shop maintained by the Camp. Special instruction in Nature Study has a prominent place on the program, and with this, every opportunity is given the boys to become proficient in photography. All photographic supplies for amateurs are carried at the Camp Store, and the Camp provides a fully equipped darkroom where printing and developing are taught and practiced by Scouts in classes.

*Scouts building the "lodge" at Camp O-wa-sip-pe*





*A letter home*

### *Swimming*

The recreation periods are also under supervision—swimming, of course, being the greatest attraction. Every boy is given instruction so that he may learn to swim if not already a swimmer, or to improve himself to pass the Merit Badge Test in swimming and in life-saving. The gentle sloping sand beach and clear crystal water form an ideal combination for these swimming classes. Since Crystal Lake is much warmer and smaller than Lake Michigan, the joy of these waters cannot be surpassed. Expert swimmers are present whenever the boys are bathing and provide special attention for the beginners.

### *Other Sports*

Boating is another sport conducted under supervision, the boats all being owned by the Camp and furnished free. Scouting games are everyday sports, and there is keen competition between the various troops in Camp and between the Camp team and teams representing neighboring Scout Camps. The wonderful surrounding country tempts the boys to all-day hikes, and the entire period is an unending round of those activities that are so dear to the boys' heart, that make them physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, and they are always safe because they are under expert supervision.

## *A Day at Camp O-wa-sip-pe*

If a Scout wants to know what Scouting is, and what it really means, he ought to spend a period at Camp O-wa-sip-pe, and practically work out the principles of Scouting day by day. The Scout Spirit will surely grip him before he leaves. From morning 'till night Scouting is the subject.

"Reveille" is sounded at six o'clock and immediately the Second Law is practiced by every Scout turning out to salute the flag. Then that part of the Oath, "To keep myself physically strong," is carried out by the setting-up exercises, which always take the "kinks" out of our joints. After those exercises the morning dip is taken. Then everybody is in first-class condition for a fine breakfast.

Immediately after breakfast, every Scout returns to his tent and cleans up the tent and surroundings, preparatory to tent inspection. This is one way in which the Eleventh Law is recognized.

After inspection, everybody assembles on the parade ground, from where they leave to go to the various places where Scoutcraft is taught. There are two divisions in the school period whereby a Scout can receive instruction in two different subjects. The tests are given in a practical way, because it is really the only true way. If a Scout comes to Camp a tenderfoot, he ought to leave a second-class Scout. If he comes as second-class, he ought to leave with a first-class badge on his breast. As there are many different Merit Badges taught, any first-class Scout ought to leave with a few Merit Badges to his credit. This school period makes him "keep mentally awake."

Next on the program is a swim in Crystal Lake. This is positively the finest place to swim. The water is never cold, and there is a fine, sandy shore all around the lake that slopes very gently. A certain part of the lake just in front of the Camp is used for swimming purposes, so that life-savers can easily watch all the swimmers. If you cannot swim, there



*Swimming in Crystal Lake, Camp O-wa-sip-pe*

are plenty of expert swimmers who are only too willing to teach you.

After a good dinner, an hour and a half is set aside for rest or letter writing. At two o'clock the afternoon's activities begin. Various Scout games are played between the different troops in Camp, and plenty of competition is aroused.

Because of the fine woods and many small lakes surrounding the Camp, many interesting hikes and exploring trips are taken. Once during the two weeks' period an overnight hike is taken to places of interest, ranging from five to twenty miles in distance. Some of the most popular trips are taken to Chief O-wa-sip-pe's grave, Michillinda, Little Blue Lake, Big Blue Lake, and Fox Lake. There is also boating on the lake in the afternoon, and instruction is also given on how to propel a boat under different conditions.

At four o'clock there is another swim and also various water sports, competition being furnished by the different troops. Swimming races, tub races, towing races, tilting, and boat races are some of the water activities that create much interest.

Assembly, parade, and evening colors take place at six o'clock. At this time, every Scout should appear at his best, because it is the one time during the day that he really has a feeling that loyalty to the flag means something to him. The sight of all the campers formed in a hollow square and standing at attention, with the bugle sounding "Retreat," and the flag slowly descending, and the sun also turning into a beautiful red is a picture that will not soon be forgotten.

After supper the program for the evening begins. Sometimes a walk is taken to one of the many haunted houses near the Camp, into which everybody clambers, and ghost stories are related. Many times a large fire is built, and stories, songs, jokes, and yells are the chief features. "Stunt night" is one of the most enjoyable evenings spent at O-wa-sip-pe. Every troop has some act to represent them, and many novel and comic features are seen. It

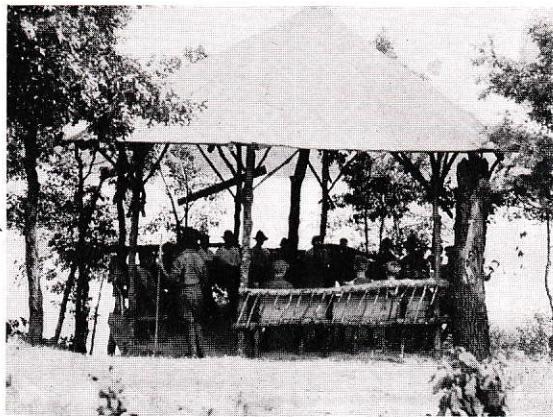
is all amateur work, but nevertheless more interesting than a professional show, because you know all the actors.

"Taps" is heard at nine o'clock, and everybody is ready for a good, sound nine hours' sleep in the great out-of-doors. Guards are stationed each night to guard the Camp, each guard patrolling for two hours. Every Scout in Camp gets an opportunity to do guard duty at least once during his stay.

To show how every principle of Scouting is taught and practiced at O-wa-sip-pe would take a longer article than this, but you surely can find plenty of good turns to do, which almost always have a Law connected with them.

A Scout should return to his troop a better Scout and a greater help to his fellow Scouts by being a member of the tribe of O-wa-sip-pe.

Star Scout.



*The pavilion*

#### *The Whitehall Trail*

There's a long, long trail a-winding  
Into the camp of my dreams;  
Where the evening beach fire's glowing,  
And the bright moon beams.

There'll be long, long months of waiting  
Until my dreams all come true;  
Till the day when I'll be going down  
That Whitehall trail with you.

## *What to Take*

Every Scout must bring to Camp with him:	Pocket knife.
Scout uniform (if he has one) to be worn on trip.	Scout handbook.
Haversack or knapsack.	2 hand towels.
2 extra shirts suitable for outdoor wear.	2 bath towels.
1 extra pair of khaki or dark-colored trousers.	Toilet soap.
4 pairs of stockings.	Comb and brush.
1 change of underwear.	Dentifrice.
1 extra pair of strong shoes (not tennis slippers).	Safety pins.
1 heavy sweater.	6 handkerchiefs.
1 pair pajamas.	Pencil and paper.
Bathing suit or trunks.	2 woolen blankets or equivalent weighing at least 7 pounds.
	1 poncho or raincoat.
	Scout mess kit (if he has one).

The following additional articles are desirable but not necessary—Scout axe, compass, musical instrument, camera, field glasses, rope, laundry bag.

The above lists are complete for any length of time in Camp and no other articles should be added. Baggage should consist of one large suitcase or telescope, blankets being rolled separately or carried by a shawl strap or similar means. The Scouts' baggage is carried for them to and from the Camp at Whitehall.

*All articles of clothing must be plainly marked in indelible ink with Scout's full name and a list of contents must be pasted inside each suitcase.*



## *The Daily Program*

A sample day's program at Camp O-wa-wi-pe follows to show how the camper occupies his time.

### *Program*

- 6:00 A. M.—Reveille, flag salute, setting-up exercises, morning dip.
- 7:00 A. M.—Breakfast, tent clean-up.
- 8:00 A. M.—Assembly, policing the grounds, inspection.
- 9:00 A. M.—Instruction in Scoutcraft.
- 11:00 A. M.—Swimming and Life-Saving Drill.
- 12:00 Noon—Dinner—Tent inspection.
- 12:30 P. M.—Quiet hour, letter writing.
- 2:00 P. M.—Scout games, hikes, stalking, exploring trips.
- 4:00 P. M.—Swimming and water sports.
- 6:00 P. M.—Assembly, parade, and evening colors.
- 6:20 P. M.—Supper.
- 7:30 P. M.—Camp fire, stories, stunts.
- 8:50 P. M.—Tattoo.
- 9:00 P. M.—Taps.

### *Visitors*

Men may be accommodated occasionally by making special arrangements in advance with the Camp Director. There are no accommodations for women except for a very limited number of families of Scoutmasters during periods in which their own Scouts are in Camp. Women are received only during stated hours on visitors' days.

## *History of Camp O-wa-sip-pe*

When Pere Marquette and the other French Explorers came down the East Coast of Lake Michigan, they found the country inhabited by the Ottawa Indians. These Indians were great lovers of the many small lakes in that part of what is now Michigan, and one of their great camps was located near the present location of our Camp.

O-wa-sip-pe was one of the most beloved of the old Indian Chieftains, and many are the stories of his career. In one of their War Expeditions, two young sons of Chief O-wa-sip-pe led the war party against their enemies, but the battle was against them and they never returned. This great loss grieved the old Chief so much that he is supposed to have died of a broken heart.

Just a few miles north of our Camp site is the old Indian burying ground and here Chief O-wa-sip-pe lies buried.

In 1912, the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts, in looking for a suitable Camp for their Scouts, discovered this beautiful place on Crystal Lake and it was immediately decided that they need look no farther, as this site was ideal. At first the Camp was known as Camp White, but in 1913 the present name was adopted.

The Chicago Council owns more than a hundred acres along the shores of the lake and has leases on enough more, so that it practically controls the shores of the lake for at least two-thirds of the shore line.

Here's a new one about the camp-fire that goes well to the tune of "Keep the Home Fires Burning":

Keep the camp-fire burning  
While your thoughts are turning  
To our stories, songs, and yells,  
The long day's fun.  
Warm red embers gleaming,  
O'erhead white stars beaming;  
Plan tomorrow's big new joys  
Till the day is done.

## *Make Your Reservation Now!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1919

### *Application Blank*

I wish to enroll my son (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

of troop \_\_\_\_\_, District \_\_\_\_\_

in Camp O-wa-sip-pe for the \_\_\_\_\_

period (date, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)

of 1919) subject to the terms and regulations below and in the Camp circular.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### *Scout's Agreement*

On my honor I will do my best to prove myself a worthy Scout in every way while at Camp.

I am especially desirous to pass the following tests:

Scout's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_

TERMS: One dollar (\$1.00) of Camp fee to accompany this application, and the remainder, \$11.50 for the thirteen day period or \$5.75 for the six day period, to be paid on departure for Camp at the boat.

NOTE: This application should be transmitted through the Scoutmaster to the District Headquarters, or if there is no District Headquarters, direct to the Chicago Council Headquarters, 37 So. Wabash Avenue.

*Do not write in this space!*

Deposit of \$1.00 received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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